

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Wi-Fi Facility on Flights

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry proposes to allow the use of Wi-Fi in commercial aircrafts operating over Indian territory, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has carried out a study and examination of the security implications of introducing Wi-Fi in commercial aircrafts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The proposal for providing on-board Wi-Fi services involves amendments of provisions of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and Indian Telegraph Rules made thereunder. The Department of Telecom (DoT) has already moved a proposal for providing in-flight connectivity for voice, data and video services for consideration of the Committee of Secretaries.;
As of now, Wi-Fi in-flight Entertainment System (Transmitting - Portal Electronic Device) is an independent system and is not connected to aircraft control systems making it safe for aircraft operations.